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## THE FULL RENDITION LAW.

The full rendition law is giving no end of trouble all over the State. Some counties are claiming to assess at full market value while others are said to be assessing at one-half that. Tarrant asserts that she is of the first named, taking all manner of property at one hundred cents on the dollar of its market value, and Dallas county is among those accused of taking it at just half of that amount.

It may well be said that all Texas is affected more or less and if one portion more than another it is North Texas, where the taxpayers are holding public meetings and resolving. The substance of these resolutions is about the same and in the following, given to the Dallas News from Hebron, Denton county, we have the entire song of the famous black land belt of the State:

Resolved, That the actual cash value of our farm lands should be determined by the net returns from said lands (one year with another), or by what they would bring if sold under hammer, rather than by fluctuating and speculative values; also be it

Resolved, That there are at least four different grades of land in Denton county, \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5, being a reasonably fair and uniform value for each grade, respectively.

The first proposition is entirely too thin for argument.

The second, as to the "fair" value of Denton county's land, is ridiculous when compared to the prices at which such lands are put upon the market.

The truth of the whole matter is that the rich lands of Central and North Texas have escaped their just proportion of the burdens of taxation so long that to "whack up" with the balance of the State don't suit them a little bit. If it be accepted, however, that \$20 per acre is a "fair value" for the best farms of Denton county, Panhandle lands are already assessed too high.

The News does not see in this full rendition law near what its friends claim for it, but if it must come it desires to see the Panhandle get a square deal.

The convention of county judges, assessors and commissioners assembled at Greenville on Feb. 6th, declared itself unanimously against the full rendition law. No solution of the alleged difficulties was offered save that the law be so amended as to enable "an assessor to perform the duties of his office without complicating so many people, calling on the assistance of the county judges and county commissioners for help in arriving at an estimate of the value of property, etc." What a quibble.

Thursday of last week at Happy, an auto, said to be an Amarillo rig, caused J. W. Stoddard's team to run away and wreck the surrey to which it was attached and wrought considerable injury to the team by contact with wire fences. The team was hitched and not "scary of autos," 'tis said, but the thing suddenly loomed up behind them, passing close and at racing speed and the horses broke loose with results stated. Such are the facts tersely told, as stated to The News reporter, and if proven there is beyond a doubt damages coming from the automobile men whom, it is stated, speeded on regardless of the consequences growing out of the unlawful act.

## Want New County of Annexation.

J. T. Holland, of south of the canyon in Armstrong county, in town last week, said that he and his nabors situated like him either wanted a new county carved out of Armstrong, Randall, Swisher and Briscoe or else they desired to be attached to either Randall or Swisher county. They preferred a new county, he said, but failing in this they desired to be annexed. These people, owing to the canyon, are unable, except under great difficulty, to get to their county seat, Claude, hence their reasonable desire as spoken by Mr. Holland.

In so far as the new county proposed is concerned it is hardly likely that Briscoe, Swisher and Randall will consent to give up any of their territory and so on this string Mr. Holland and those with him must fail. The annexation proposition, however, is different as only the consent of the two counties concerned is required to assure success. The one gaining the territory will consent, of course, and from information coming to The News it would seem that Armstrong, realizing the plight of her citizens on "the south side," will not object. In fact the following taken from the Claude News, indicates that much:

W. T. Helms, who lives in the southwest corner of Armstrong county, called on the Standard this week and advised us that there was a movement on foot in his part of Armstrong county seeking to have that part of that county lying south of the canyon attached to Swisher county, beginning at the northeast corner of Swisher county and running north to the bed of the canyon, thence west with the meanderings of the stream to the east line of Randall county, thence south with the east line of Randall county to the north line of Swisher county. As it is the county seat of Armstrong county is almost inaccessible to the citizens of this section.—Tulsa Standard.

Mr. Helms was here during district court, sounding our people on this question. So far as we have heard the opposition to the movement is very light, not that our citizens want to get rid of this valuable territory and its splendid citizenship but all realize the hardships they have to undergo in coming to Claude to attend to their public duties. Our innate sense of justice would seem to dictate that we let them "depart in peace."—Claude News.

Now, these people, according to Mr. Holland, had about as soon come to Randall as to Swisher county and why not invite them in? Their concern, especially touching the proposed National Park, is ours, and ours is theirs; we should work together for the common good and can do it better under one local government. The News wants to see these people in Armstrong become citizens of Randall county.

One reason Hall county is talked about is that every citizen is an enthusiast. Every one is sure he has the best country in Texas and is willing to tell about it.—Hall County Herald.

That is the spirit that wins. The spirit that builds cities and populates counties. None of the Panhandle counties are lacking in this spirit, hence the forward march of development in this section which is startling the world today. Hall county is all right. Donley county is all right. The Panhandle is all right—and everybody knows it.—Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

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